

PROCLAMATION **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL DAYS** MARCH 22-26, 2004

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering through research, education, advocacy and service; and

WHEREAS, by 2015, the American Cancer Society hopes to reduce the incidence of cancer by 25 percent, reduce cancer mortality by 50 percent, and improve measurably the quality of life for cancer survivors; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recognizes the daffodil as the first flower of spring and as a symbol of hope that cancer will be cured in our lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Daffodil Days is a national event taking place in communities across the United States to generate awareness and funding for cancer research, patient services and educational programs; and

WHEREAS, communities throughout the state will be "Painting the Town Yellow" in support of the many North Dakotans fighting a battle against cancer; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 22-26, 2004, **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL DAYS** in the State of North Dakota

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State